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to the Youth
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and Youth
Service Teams

THE YACKITY-YAC

PRESIDENTIAL FREEDOM SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE TO HONOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Washington D.C. - Two students from every high school in the country are eligible to receive \$1,000 Presidential Freedom Scholarships in recognition of their outstanding service to the community.

The annual college scholarship program, which will award up to 8,000 scholarships, is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service Learn and Serve America program.

"In every high school there are at least two young leaders who have served their communities with distinction. Their principals and teachers know who they are. The Presidential Freedom Scholarships give every high school in America the chance to recognize these students for their outstanding service," said David Eisner, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. "We're proud to offer these scholarships, which are helping to foster a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility in America."

Nominations are open to high school juniors or seniors during the 2003-2004 academic year. The scholarship program provides \$500 of the award, which must be matched with \$500 from a community organization, civic group, or business and

secured for the student by their high school. Students who complete at least 100 hours of community service, either through a school-based service-learning program or independently through service at a nonprofit or faith-based organization, are eligible to receive the scholarship. The deadline for applications is July 16. Information and applications are available at www.nationalservice.org/scholarships.

Learn and Serve America provides an "on ramp" to a lifetime of civic engagement for approximately 1.8 million students each year. The program provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofit groups to support projects that efforts to engage students in community service activities linked to academic achievement. This type of learning, called service-learning, improves communities while developing the habits of service in young people.

Learn and Serve America is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, which also oversees Senior Corps and AmeriCorps. Together with the USA Freedom Corps, the Corporation is working to build a culture of citizenship, service, and responsibility. For further information, visit www.nationalservice.org.

Are you interested in offering volunteer service, but don't know where to get started? Here are a few ideas for identifying community needs:

- Mind mapping
- Conduct a survey
- Hold a community forum
- Interview senior citizens
- Three wishes
- Watch the news
- I have a dream...
- Group goals
- Ask legislators
- 60-minute search

A LIST OF ISSUES TO CARE ABOUT

- Pollution
- Homelessness/Hunger
- Recycling
- Health issues
- Violence
- Literacy
- Gangs
- Discrimination
- Drugs
- Pregnancy
- Education



The Yackity-YAC is published by the Utah Commission on Volunteers. Individuals who receive the YAC are asked to share the newsletter with others who are interested in youth service and volunteerism in Utah. For more information contact Kristi at 1-888-755-UTAH or yes@utahspromise.org



2004 UTAH YOUTH SUMMIT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE!

The Utah Commission on Volunteers is pleased to announce the Sixth Annual Utah Youth Summit, Monday, August 2 through Wednesday, August 4, 2004. You are invited to send a team of up to four youth and one adult from your organization to participate in this year's event, which is being held in conjunction with the Governing Youth Council Leadership Conference at the University of Utah. The Youth Summit is a fun-filled, three-day retreat designed to foster civic engagement in youth.

This year, the Utah Commission on Volunteers and Utah State 4-H partnership is expanding to include the Utah State Office of Education and Utah Campus Compact.

The goal of this year's Youth Summit is to promote youth volunteerism and service by:

- Networking existing youth organizations such as 4-H, Girl Scouts, HOSA, Youth Courts and City Councils, Interact and Key Clubs, Youth Crime Watch and others
- Linking youth organizations to the newly launched Youth Service Utah website <http://utahspromise.org/ysu/>
- Training youth in leadership skills such as youth/adult partnerships, recruitment, recognition and planning effective service activities
- Providing increased access to resources and partnerships

Overnight accommodations will be provided on campus at the University of Utah. The registration cost for this three-day event is \$100 per participant, which will include lodging, meals and materials. Transportation to SLC is the responsibility of the organization. (If funding the team's participation is a significant barrier to your organization, please notify us so we can discuss possible solutions or help search for sponsors.)

Application materials are available online at <http://utahspromise.org/ysu/>. Please note that the registration deadline is June 4, 2004. Contact Kristi at yes@utahspromise.org with questions.

WHERE CAN I VOLUNTEER?

- Volunteer Centers
- Neighborhood Organizations
- Nursing homes
- Boys & Girls Clubs
- Prison
- Salvation Army
- Recycle Centers
- Key Club
- Child and Family Services
- Red Cross
- Junior League
- Public Schools
- Libraries
- Humane Society
- Nonprofit agencies
- Department of Human Services
- YMCA/YWCA
- Hospitals
- Universities
- Zoo
- Food Banks
- Museums
- Police Department
- Lions Club
- United Ways
- Runaway Shelters
- Fire Department
- City parks and playgrounds
- Nature centers
- 4-H

**Four Regional Youth Summits
have been held in the
communities of Salt Lake City,
Provo, Logan and Blanding. Just
one more summit to go in St.
George! Next month's issue of
the Yackity-Yac will feature a
report on all five youth summits.**

"I do not know where you are
going or what you will do in life,
but I do know this: you will never
fulfill your potential or really be
happy as human persons until you
learn how to serve others, espe-
cially in their human needs..."
-Dr. Albert Schweitzer

Don't forget to turn in your summit reports. The reports are due one month from the completion of your regional summit.